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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

John K. HOWARD

Serial No.: 09/827,895

Group Art Unit:

Filed: April 09, 2001

Examiner:

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF
MICROANALYTIC AND MICROSYNTHETIC PROCEDURES

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE
OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated May 18, 2001. It is believed that this Notice was mailed in error. The Notice indicates that the Declaration is missing.

The Declaration was filed together with the application as filed on April 9, 2001, as is evidenced by the attached date-stamped postcard acknowledgement. Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed with the application. Since the application was complete at the time of filing as was indicated on the filing transmittal and evidenced by the postcard acknowledgement, it is believed that the filing requirements were complied with at the time of filing and **no surcharge is due.** Please therefore withdraw the Notice of Missing Parts on the record so that it is clear no response is due and also **please waive the surcharge fee.**

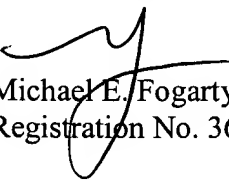
Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and attachments.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Title/Mark:

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New Patent App ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☐ Cont. ☐ CIP ☐ Div. ☐ PCT ☐ CPA ☐ RCE ☐ Prov

☐ Other:

13 pages of Specification

5 pages of Claims

1 pages of Abstract

3 pages of Formal/Informal Drawings

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

Form PTO 1449

copies of cited references

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Response to Missing Parts Notice

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Doc

☐ Claim for Convention Priority

☐ Verified Statement of Small Entity Status

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☐ Maintenance Fee for _____ years after grant

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☐ Response/Amendment to Office Action of

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☐ Amendment to Allege Use

☐ Statement of Use

☐ Formal/Informal/Substitute Drawing Sheet

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☐ Continued Use Affidavit/Declaration (Section 8 & 15)

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☐ Petition for Cancellation/Answer To

☐ Renewal of Reg. No.

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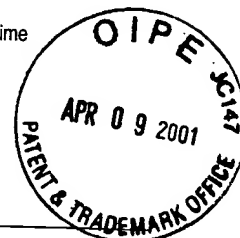
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